

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 19, with the following amended paragraph:

--The incorporation of such sliding layers may be effected in various ways, as this is for example described in detail in DE 197 53 766.9 A1, which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,296,893. With glass syringes this is typically achieved by depositing and burning-in ~~silicon~~ silicone emulsions at over 300°C, as is described in the article R.D. Anand, "Die Pharmazeutische Industrie" (The Pharmaceutical Industry) 54 No. 1, 1992, pages 69 - 73, "Spritzampullen: Ein Vergleich in Zusammensetzung, Verarbeitung and Gebrauch vorgefuellter Spritzen" (Syringe ampullas: a comparison in composition, processing and use of prefilled syringes).--

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

--Furthermore, according to EP 0 338 671 B 1, which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,009,646, well sliding elastomer plungers may be manufactured when the elastomer plunger is coated with a special ~~foil~~ film material and has suitable dimensions. Although the use of special coating materials for elastomer plungers is ~~specifically basically possible~~ a way of largely avoiding ~~silicon~~ silicone as a lubricant, ~~however~~ the manufacture of corresponding plunger stoppers is very expensive and significantly limits the geometric choice.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

C 3 --Similarly with prefilled plunger burettes there may occur disadvantageous interactions between the contents of the burette and the ~~silicon~~ silicone layer.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

24 --By way of DE 38 83 985 T 2 there is known a syringe for medical purposes which has good sliding properties of the plunger in the syringe body and requires no ~~silicon~~ silicone sliding layer.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

C S --Disregarding the expensive manufacture of such a plunger stopper, the known ~~silicon-free~~ silicone-free syringe has the disadvantage that the coating material is very expensive and to a very limited degree is compatible to medication and capable of sterilization. Furthermore the micro-sealedness is not sufficiently given since the material comprises pores and is also not flexible enough, i.e. may not conform sufficiently sealingly on the inner wall of the syringe body.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

C4 --The object of the present invention is to design the above described metering receptacle, with an elongate hollow body which at one end comprises a closable exit opening and which at the other end is closable by way of a plastic plunger ~~stopper~~ part which is accommodated in the hollow body in a longitudinally displaceable by way of a plunger rod, such that a ~~silicon~~ silicone sliding layer on the inner side of the elongate hollow body is not necessary without there being a restriction in the functioning by way of the plunger ~~stopper~~ part or this having to be expensively manufactured.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

C7 --The solution to this object is achieved according to the invention ~~in that the plunger stopper is designed two piece, with~~ by providing a sealing stopper part of an elastomeric plastic which is ~~positionable rigidly~~ fixed in its position in the elongate hollow body and comprises a centric bore for the passage of the plunger rod, and with a longitudinally displaceable plunger part of lubricious plastic which is connected to the plunger rod.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

C8 --For increasing the lubricity between the plunger rod and the stopper part in its centric bore in one embodiment of the invention on the outer circumference of the plunger rod there is provided a sliding layer, preferably a ~~silicon~~ silicone layer. This sliding layer permits a fine-touch metering on application and by way of the sealing effect of the plunger part with

C8
respect to the inner wall of the elongate hollow body however no lubricant may get into the inside of the elongate hollow body. Alternatively to this, the metering receptacle may also be designed such that the plunger rod consists of a self-lubricating plastic, preferably PTFE.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

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--The plunger stopper part consists, ~~as the corresponding known plunger stopper,~~ of a suitable elastomeric plastic. The sealing function given to it, microbiologically as well as mechanically (fluid-tight) is ensured in that the stopper part on its outer circumference as well as in the centric bore has peripheral sealing lips, preferably two or more sealing lips lying over one another.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

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--In order to keep the lubricant securely away from the inner wall of the hollow body which lies in front of the plunger part and is in contact with the receptacle contents, and in order to support the sealing function of the plunger part in the storage condition of the prefilled metering ~~receptacle~~ receptacle, according to a further embodiment of the invention the plunger part on the side proximal to the stopper part comprises circumferential sealing lips.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

C11
--In order to prevent on application, i.e. with the longitudinal displacement of the plunger part, the formation of a vacuum in the space between the plunger part and the ~~rigidly~~ fixedly positioned stopper part which is sealingly passed through by the plunger rod, on the plunger rod parallel to the axis there is formed a ~~bleeding~~ venting channel via which air may flow from the outside into the above mentioned space.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

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--The two-part plunger stopper according to the invention firstly comprises a ~~usual~~ an elastomer stopper 3 which after placing in the syringe cylinder 1 remains fixed in its position at the rearward end of the syringe cylinder. By way of its usual peripheral labyrinth seals on the stopper outer side and in its bore accommodating a plunger rod 4 it ensures the mechanical, i.e. liquid and microbiological sealing with respect to the wall of the syringe cylinder and the plunger rod during the storage of the syringe, i.e. it ensures the stopper function.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

C13
--This plunger part 5 consists of a plastic with a high sliding property (i.e., is lubricous) and a high medicament-compatibility with sealing lips 5b towards the ~~rigid~~ fixed position elastomer stopper 3. This plunger part 5 is therefore the movable part of the plunger

stopper according to the invention which is in contact with the medicament and on application ensures the transport of the contents of the syringe. At the same time it ensures the necessary mechanical sealing during the application and supports the microbiological sealing during the storage of the syringe, i.e. it ensures the plunger function.--

C13

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

--In place of a lubricative ~~silicon~~ silicone layer attached on the plunger rod, this plunger rod 4 may also consist of self-lubricating material, e.g. PTFE.--

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Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 19, with the following amended paragraph:

--So that with the application, behind the plunger part there does not remain a vacuum, on the plunger rod there is formed a ~~bleeding~~ venting channel 6 via which the air may flow from the outside.--

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